

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL

The Petitioner, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company ("State Farm"),  
Defendant in the above-captioned case, states the following:

1. The above-entitled cause was commenced in the District Court of Tulsa County, entitled *Lewis Dodson v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company*, Case No. CJ-2016-3817. State Farm was served Summons and Petition via service on the Oklahoma Insurance Department on October 31, 2016. A copy of Plaintiff's Petition setting forth his claims for relief upon which the action is based is attached hereto and marked Exhibit 1. A copy of the Summons served upon State Farm is attached hereto and marked Exhibit 2.

2. State Farm's principal place of business is in the State of Illinois, and State Farm is incorporated in the State of Illinois. Plaintiff, Lewis Dodson, is a resident and citizen of Tulsa County, State of Oklahoma. (Petition, ¶ 1, Exhibit 1). Plaintiff's cause of action is for alleged breach of an automobile insurance policy and alleged breach of the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing. The matter in controversy between Plaintiff and State Farm, according to Plaintiff's

demand, exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100ths Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interests and costs. (Plaintiff's Petition, p. 5 ¶ 24, p. 6, Exhibit 1).

3. This Court has original jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (1992), by reason of the fact that this is a civil action wherein the amount in controversy, according to Plaintiff's demands, exceeds Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100ths Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs and is between citizens of different states. Accordingly, this action may be removed by State Farm pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

4. This Notice of Removal is filed in this Court within thirty (30) days after October 31, 2016, the date State Farm was served with a copy of Plaintiff's Petition, which was the initial pleading setting forth the claim for relief upon which this action is based. (Summons and Petition, Exhibits 1 and 2).

5. Copies of all process, pleadings, and Orders served upon Defendant, State Farm, have been attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2. Pursuant to LCvR 81.2, a copy of the state court docket sheet is attached as Exhibit 3.

**WHEREFORE**, Defendant, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, prays that this action be removed.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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